

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for treating inflammation comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of KGF-2Δ28.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said KGF-2Δ28 is administered via gene therapy.
3. A method of stimulating the growth of pulmonary epithelial cells, comprising contacting said cells with KGF-2Δ28.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said cells comprise an isolated polynucleotide encoding KGF-2Δ28.
5. A method of preventing mucositis, comprising administered to an individual a prophylactically effective amount of KGF-2Δ33.

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